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various field trips undertaken for the purpose of acquiring flora and fauna specimens for the museum collection. The stimulus for most trips rested with the assistant directors or their superior, the director himself. Discussions would be held by the members of the assistant director's division, who would draw up a proposal, including area of USSR to be visited, purpose of trip, complement, and a budget. This proposal had to be first circulated amongst the various museum divisions for indications of interest by staff members. All divisions had the privilege of requesting that their particular field of interest be indulged with a reasonable number of specimens, thus normally increasing the requested budget. The overall plan was then handed to the museum director who had the power of passing, altering, or vetoing. If the director passed a plan, it was then given to the comptroller of the University, who had the privilege of altering the budget if necessary or giving final approval. University funds were allocated by the Ministry of Education each fiscal year, and field trips usually were planned for the end of that year when unused funds were dumped indiscriminately in order to justify a like fund again.

2. No special permits or papers were necessary for personnel or equipment while working in the interior of USSR, except for a valid Soviet passport.
3. Near border areas, such as in the Caucasus, travel permits granted by NEVD at point of origin were necessary. in Georgia SSR in 1939, border police required to request permission from them to travel from town to town.

4. Travel was usually via rail, except in working areas where cars or wagons were used.

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